Adoption' being implemented by this Ministry are available in the Ministry's web-site at *www.wcd.nic.in* and the web-site of Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) at *www.cara.nic.in.* The details of Swadhar Shelter Homes under the Swadhar Scheme also being implemented by this Ministry for providing holistic and integrated services to women in difficult circumstances are also available in this Ministry's website.

The details of old age homes under the scheme 'An Integrated Programme on Older Person' is available in the web-site of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment website at *www.socialjustice.nic.in.*

(b) No new scheme has been launched recently. However, Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing following schemes for the welfare of destitute children and women:

(i) A Program for Juvenile Justice;

(ii) An Integrated Programme for Street Children;

(iii) Scheme for Assistance to Homes (Shishu Greh) for Children to Promote In-Country Adoption;

(iv) Swadhar.

Moreover, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment are also implementing a scheme for older persons namely 'An Integrated Programme on Older Person' for running old age homes, which caters to destitutes above 60 years, among other beneficiaries.

(c) The package of services made available under the Swadhar scheme include provision for pocket money, food, clothing, shelter, health care counseling and legal support, social and economic rehabilitation through education, awareness generation skill up gradation and behavioural training.

(d) There is no specific scheme for the health care and the education of the Children of destitute women.

Livelihood of widows at holy cities

†893. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of extremely poor widows in many cities like Kashi, Mathura, Prayag, etc. are making their both ends meet by singing devotional songs and begging;

(b) whether Government have formulated any plan for identification of such widows and providing them some assistance, to make their life worth living;

(c) if so, the road-map thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (d) Ministry of Women and Child Development is running Swadhar Scheme as a Central Sector Scheme for providing holistic and integrated services to women in difficult circumstances, which include destitute widows deserted by their families in religious places like Vrindavan and Kashi.

The package of services made available under the Scheme include provision for shelter, food, clothing, pocket money, health care, counseling and legal support, social and economic rehabilitation through education, awareness generation, skill up gradation and behavioural training.

At present, 10 Swadhar Shelter Homes including 3 at Vrindavan have been sanctioned in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Amount released to Andhra Pradesh under ICDS

894. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have released the amount under ICDS to Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount utilized by each Anganwadi Kendra in each State, with particular reference to Andhra Pradesh and for what purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of funds released to Andhra Pradesh under ICDS Scheme in 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 are as under:

(Rupees in lakh)

Sl. No.	Year	Amount
1	2004-05	13271.47
2	2005-06	27210.04
3	2006-07	31568.04

(c) The expenditure under ICDS Scheme is monitored at the State level. The fund utilization details at Anganwadi level are not captured in these expenditure statements. However, State-wise release and utilization of funds for last three years is given in the Statement (*See* below).